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BAPTIST CONVENTION WORK.

The yearly feasts of the people of Israel were occasions of great joy and interest, not only to all who went, but also to those who remained at home. Much was thought by them of the three anniversaries when they went up to Jerusalem from all parts of the country.

This has doubtless been fulfilled in the experience of the followers of Christ in all the nearly nineteen centuries since that day, and it will surely be no less in the future ages, till the end come.

The conditions being fulfilled, all doubt may be dismissed on this question, and the presence of the Master of Assemblies will doubtless appear in their midst by His Spirit to direct and bless His believing, obedient people in their endeavours to extend His kingdom at home and abroad.

THE BAPTIST QUARTERLY REVIEW, July, August, September, 1884, has six articles:

The first is a comparison of the Epistle to the Hebrews and the first Epistle of John, by Dr. Clarke of the Toronto Baptist College, intended to give a clearer and more intelligent view of two representative documents of the Apostolic age.

The second is historical and biographical—"Ignatius Loyola," by Rev. J. R. Anderson, giving a sketch of the life and acts of the founder of the Jesuits. He arose in Spain soon after Martin Luther had made his attack on the Papal throne.

Loyola reminds us of no one by similarity of mind and purpose, but by way of contrast in character and in work he suggests his famous contemporary Luther.

Luther, credulous as he was in matters that did not touch points of theology, reasoned hard, though not always logically, on every inch of Biblical ground; Loyola, who was wholly passive on that ground, shewed himself a shrewd skeptic regarding supernatural disclosures.

Loyola led him from a youth of camp and palace to an old age of religious thought. Demons haunted both. To the German they appeared as foul and malignant fiends, to the Spaniard as angels of light. With Luther society was comparatively nothing, and the individual all; with Loyola the man was sought, and the community every thing.

These two representative men left the world during the sixteenth century, but their lengthened shadows became embodied anew in the institutions of Protestantism and Jesuitism.

The 3rd article is by Professor L. E. Hicks, on "Primitive Man." An examination of the reasons for the supposition that man was first created at a much earlier date than 6000 years ago. There has been so great a difference of opinion, with plausible reasons, that it is no easy task to fix on the most scientific as well as the most scriptural theory of man's first appearance on the face of this planet.

Article 4, "The Christian Church Archetype," by Rev. Dr. Fish, is an article of considerable originality. It discusses the claims of the various bodies to the appellation, church, or rather shows the pattern as given in the Sacred Scriptures. Dr. Fish gives the following as the definition of his subject:

By archetype we mean the first and ruling type, the divine ideal in mind when the Saviour said, "I will build my Church," "the pattern showed," the invariable model found in all complete or normal New Testament Churches, as an archetypal leaf or pattern is found in all the myriad leaves of a tree, or a species. This archetype does not exclude non-generic diversity. It involves oneness in generic or constitutional essentials, not invariability in minor individual characteristics.

He shows that there are three senses in which church is used, and quotes the following as examples: "And the Lord added to the Church [local] daily those who are saved." "On this rock will I build my Church [institution, generic], and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." "The general assembly and Church [collective] of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven."

There are certain essentials of a church of Christ which are affirmed must exist within it and others more apparent to make it agree with its Archetype. The Internal Essentials regarding the doctrines held may be very briefly summarized: 1. Christ Lord of All. 2. The Holy Spirit. 3. One God and Father. 4. One hope 'the hope of the resurrection.' 5. Faith in the sense of simple child-like trust 'the victory which overcomes the world.' 6. One baptism—symbolically expressive of an inward death and resurrection. 7. The doctrine of one body.

The External essentials of the Christian Church Archetype here given are: 1. The local, and not the Presbyterian, diocesan, or universal. 2. Composed of its own members—congregational. 3. Its officers are of three classes, bishops or teachers, elders and deacons.

"Such structures" the writer observes "sufficiently multiplied, the world is redeemed to Christ and all his followers are one 'as he and the Father are one.'"

Article 5 is "Baptists and Liberty of Conscience" by Henry C. Vedder, third paper: Historical and official documents are here given shewing that all other bodies of professing Christians have abridged the liberty of those holding other views than those held by themselves; but the writer says:

The conclusion can not be evaded, therefore, that the Independents were opposed to an unlimited toleration of all religious bodies, and that the only denomination of Christians that maintained the doctrine of complete religious liberty for all men, before the adoption of the Toleration Act, were the despised Baptists.

Article 6 we noticed last week on "The Sources of the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles" by Prof. Long. Then we have brief notices of Books and Reviews, &c., &c. An excellent number of the Quarterly.

The N. S. Eastern Minutes are in press. The copy came to hand about four weeks after the session, and they will be shortly ready for distribution.

POLITICAL.

This is election day in Halifax County, when the free and independent electors of our city and county will be called upon to deposit their votes, and to determine whether they shall be represented in our Local Parliament by the Hon. William S. Fielding—the sitting member—who by accepting the office of Provincial Secretary, has vacated his seat, until re-elected—and John Y. Payzant, Esq., who has not as yet had a seat in Parliament, but who has for several years worthily filled the office of Warden of the township of Dartmouth, and Stipendiary Magistrate of the same.

The canvass has been pretty keen we believe, for the past two or three weeks, and great efforts have been made on either side to set forth the suitability of one candidate and the utter worthlessness of the man on the other side. There has, however, been much less of personal abuse of him than is frequently seen. We doubt the wisdom of its being done in any case, as it usually recoils on those from whom the abuse comes, rather than on the one aimed at. Our readers will, we doubt not, be actuated by their convictions of duty, whichever name they deposit in the ballot boxes. Loyalty to their party and its ability to conduct the business of the country will be the great question on which the election is run. The results we shall be able to give next week.

The disturbances of election day have been brought down to a minimum by the excellent arrangement of closing all the rum-shops on that day. This is a fine illustration of the benefits of prohibition. It may not entirely prevent the parties who are accustomed to drink from drinking, but it makes the sale absolutely illegal, and so far prevents the confusion and disgraceful proceedings so frequent in former years on election days. Each party regards it as discreditable to the other side to employ such means of increasing the number of true and loyal electors to support them, but if they can do a little business on behalf of their own favorite candidate by the use of the social glass many people think it a cheaply bought victory, and that "the end justifies the means." The most stringent laws have, however, been enacted to prevent the use of these means on election days, but ways are discovered of evading them, yet all good citizens will try and discourage such methods of degrading the poor, weak imbeciles who have not the power to resist such temptations when offered them. It would be a grand victory for both parties if to-day no man were the worse for liquor, and the choice were made by absolutely sober men. We shall see.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

THERE are quite a number of our subscribers from whom we have not heard during the present year. We would respectfully ask all such, Dear friends, kindly bear in mind that we need the amount of your subscriptions, and shall be greatly obliged if you will send on the amount due as early as possible. We are often put to serious inconvenience and loss by the want of what is due us. An early remittance will be thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged.

FROM our denominational contemporaries we learn that Dr. Clough, the Telugu missionary, has made but a short stay of six months at home, and has now gone back to the work which is so near his heart, and for which he seems to have been specially raised up. We were hoping to meet him at Moncton, but regret that we shall in this be disappointed.

REV. DAVID FREEMAN is purposing a removal to Florida, where he has a son engaged in the cultivation of oranges. Mrs. Freeman has for some time past had her health greatly impaired, and it is with the hope that a milder climate will help in its restoration that they make the change. Our brother will be seeking to do good wherever he goes, and we shall hope to hear of his labors from time to time in the South while he remains there.

Mrs. W. F. ARMSTRONG with her family is making a visit to Halifax preparatory to leaving for Burma. Her husband Rev. W. F. Armstrong is expected here shortly. They are purposing to leave their eldest daughter now about 10 years of age with a friend in Halifax when they go to the East.

MISS E. H. PAYNE, after spending several months in visiting the churches in the United States has returned to her home in Halifax for three or four weeks. Miss P. will then return again to the work of visiting the United States Churches for a time before she goes back to her important work in Burma.

ON Sunday last Rev. Walter Barsz preached in the Granville Street Church in the morning, and in the North Baptist Church, in this city, in the evening, and on each occasion presented the case of the Baptist Church at Victoria, British Columbia. A collection was taken up after each service, amounting in Granville Street to about \$45, and the North Church to about \$25. Correct acknowledgements will be made. Donations had been previously received and acknowledged from several members of these congregations.

A FIFTY DOLLAR PRIZE, has been offered for the best sermon on "slander." It must be on "Slander or Defamation of character." It must have been actually preached by its author in some place of worship, and must not exceed half an hour in delivery. The sermon receiving the prize is to become the property of the gentleman who offers the reward. While literary merit is desirable, it will not be preferred to the plain practical treatment of the subject. The sermon must be copied in a plain hand and must be presented for competition not later than the 15th of September, 1884, and as much sooner as possible. All letters and manuscripts should be addressed Hon. Thomas D. Worrall, No. 618 F. Street N. W. Washington, D. C.

We have just received the Minutes of the Southern Baptist Association of New Brunswick. Our brethren in their Home Missionary report state that "The contribution from New Brunswick has fallen short of the amount appropriated to us and the amount will have to be doubled within the next two months to make up our share. If such an amount is not furnished as will enable the Convention to do its work the churches must be urged to enlarge their liberality. They are requested to increase their contributions to the general Convention Funds, or to make special offerings for Home Missions before the meeting of the Convention, so that the Board may be enabled to meet its obligations.

Your Committee is pleased to know that several of the mission fields have shared in the revival blessings that God has granted to our churches during the year, and that several pastors have reported baptisms, to the number of 230. These outward manifestations of progress are encouraging to all who are interested in the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and the internal evidence, shown by a liberal spirit of giving and a desire to become self-sustaining, are not less so." The report on Denominational Literature concludes with the following paragraph:

"We think also that our people in bestowing gifts would be doing good work for themselves and the cause by choosing such presents as Baptist papers and books. We expect our people to be as willing to pay for books to educate their children and others in grace as they are to give them purely intellectual knowledge. An effort should be made to have well-equipped headquarters for Christian literature under the supervision of this Association or some other Baptist body, and we rejoice to know that such an effort is being made in our sister province, although all the details of the plan may not be universally approved." The statistics show a total membership of 3622. This however is incorrect seeing that seven churches sent no letters to the Association, and the number of members in them is not reported, as they should have been. There was an addition by baptism in the several churches of 286.

ALMOST A STATE METHODIST CHURCH.—Bishop Hurst writes to the N. Y. Advocate: "A remarkable concession has been granted our Church in Bavaria: Here we have been persecuted, but the tide is now turned. Our Methodist Episcopal Church in that country has been granted the right of a private Church, which means that it is as legitimate a Church as that of the State. Among other novel features is this: our ministers are now required by King Ludwig's express order to catechise all the children under our jurisdiction, and to make regular reports, on blanks provided for the purpose, to the Department of Public Worship. This is such a near approach to making us a State Church that it would take a good searcher with a strong lamp to find out the difference."

THE Lecture by the learned German Professor commenced on another page will be found full of instruction and will be highly appreciated by our intelligent readers. Each portion will be profitable reading and then a subsequent careful reading of the whole will give permanency to the grand thoughts in the mind of the reader. Dr. Welton says in a private note. "I hope the reader will be interested and profited as much as I have in translating it."

Our people were poorly fed who all left the Sunday School and prayer-meeting to hear a two hour's harangue on baptism, and then all went home mad.—Ez.

We copy the adobe from the Wesleyan. Quite enough, we should think, to make them "mad," especially if they had any of the little candidates waiting—except they went off to sleep. Surely the man delivering "the two hours' harangue" was also "mad." We hope no Baptist will try to imitate this haranguer.

Literary.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE FOR SEPTEMBER, 1884, has some beautiful illustrations. Its literary contents are equal to the best. It contains: An Ideal Head. Frontispiece. Engraved by W. B. Closson, from the painting by George Fuller. A Run Ashore at Queenstown.—W. H. Rideing. Wheat Fields of the Columbia.—Ernest Ingersoll. The Hero of the Tower, A Poem.—Will Carleton. George Fuller.—F. D. Millet. Artist Strolls in Holland, VI.—George H. Boughton, A. R. A. Unchanged, A Poem.—Jennie P. Biglow. Nature's Seriel Story, X. E. P. Roe. Discontent. A Poem.—Julius C. R. Dorr. Trouville.—Mary Gay Humphreys. Transcripts from Nature. XV.—XIX.—William Sharp.

In the field of History we have the Second Part of Mr. Treadwell Walden's series on "The Great Hall of William Rufus."

Reservoir System on the Upper Mississippi is the subject of an interesting article by J. G. Pyle, illustrated by diagrams.

THE EDITOR'S EASY CHAIR contains this month some very interesting chats of a purely literary character. The other Editorial Departments are full of timely and interesting matter, including a very generous supply of humorous anecdotes in the Drawer.

We have received a copy of the Prize List of Exhibition to be held at Yarmouth on the 9th and 10th of October. The prizes amount to \$2,750.00. There is combined with this list a large number of Advertisements—The Yarmouth people believe in advertising their business—and pieces of information on farming, fruit growing, &c., &c.

THE HOME IN POETRY.—Compiled by Laura C. Holloway.—Never before were gathered together, we think, so many of the "old favorites," poems that have touched the hearts and sweetened the lives of our English-speaking, home-loving race. Some of the best of our poets, notably Mr. Longfellow, have written their sweetest verses on Home and kindred subjects, many of which appear in this volume. The selections have been made with discrimination, but evince the broad sympathy and vigilant industry of the accomplished raconteur, Edna Dean Proctor supplies a charming introductory poem entitled "The Homeless." The only wonder is, such a compilation was never thought of before. It is a well-classified and handy collection of poems which have endeared themselves to many thousands, and will, we are sure, endear themselves to many thousands more. Published in Funk & Wagnalls' (10 and 12 Dey Street, N. Y.) Standard Library. Paper, 25 cents. Halifax, S. F. Huestia.

A PAPER descriptive of a cooking school for young girls in New-York City has been prepared by Charles Barnard for the September St. Nicholas. It is written in the form of a story and is fully illustrated from designs by Mrs. Jessie Curtis Shepherd.

PROFESSOR LANGLEY, of Alleghany Observatory, will contribute to the September CENTURY an article describing the spots on the sun, with twenty-five illustrations, many of them from drawings by the author. This will be the first paper in a series, entitled "The New Astronomy," of several untechnical articles, fully illustrated, summarizing in popular and graphic language the most interesting of recent discoveries in the heavens.

Home News

Nova Scotia.

A correspondent writes from Berwick:—There is another freshet to day on the intervals on the Cornwalis and Annapolis Rivers. The fifth since the 15th of July—But a small portion of the hay has been cut on these lands and much that had been was damaged. The outlook for farmers, in Western Kings & Annapolis Valley, is the worst known to the "oldest inhabitant," in regard to hay.

Parrsborough had a sad accident on Tuesday of last week. As a number of little girls were bathing opposite the residence of Mr. Howe, one of them, named Alice Howard, got into deep water. Two of her companions, May Seaman and Nellie Brown, endeavoured to help her, but in so doing Miss Seaman was drowned. Misses Howard and Brown were rescued by Mr. Howe. The body of Miss Seaman was recovered by Mr. Dwyer. Medical aid was summoned but the efforts of the doctors proved of no avail. Deep sympathy is felt for Mr. Seaman and his family.

But little else is now occupying the political parties in our good city but politics. The polling being effected to day will decide the question who is to be the representative of Halifax city for the remainder of the present session.

Zed S. Hall, formerly of Halifax and more recently of Kansas City, U. S., is now running a first class bookstore in Victoria, B. C.

The evil consequences resulting from impure blood are beyond human calculation, so are the vast sums expended in worthless remedies. Parson's Purgative Pills make new rich blood, and taken one a night for three months will charge the blood in the entire system.

The cheapest doctor you can employ is to always keep your house "Minard's Liniment" Conqueror of all pains, Minard's Honey Balsam good for all Pulmonary troubles. "Minard's Family Pills" the best Liver Pill known, and general cathartic. "Nelson's Cherokee Vermifuge the Worm Killer," pleasant to take.

The first car load of coal from the newly opened seam at Salt Springs, Cumberland County, will arrive in Halifax in a few days. The coal is said to be of excellent quality.

The Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces I. O. O. F., met in annual session on Wednesday last in the Assembly room of the Province Building. About a hundred delegates were in attendance. In the afternoon the delegates were photographed in a group in front of the western entrance of the building. The group formed a striking picture in the bright colors of their regalia whilst they were being taken and will doubtless be a souvenir to themselves and their friends of their meeting in the city.

The works and mines of the Canada Steel Company at Londonderry and elsewhere, advertised for auction at the Merchant's Exchange at noon on Friday were not sold. A large crowd of merchants were in attendance, but there were no bids.

The Granville Street Baptist Sabbath School had their Picnic yesterday at Hosterman's grounds, N. W. Arm.

A sad accident occurred at Kingston on Friday evening. A young man, son of James Cooke, of Margareville, while bathing with his comrades, employees of F. A. Tufts, brickmaker, took cramps and was drowned in the Annapolis River.

I certify that I obtained immediate relief during a severe case of bronchitis, when in Camp Sussex this year, by the application of Minard's Liniment. C. CREW-READ, Lieut.-Col.

SCOTT'S EMULSION OF PURE Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites, for throat affections.—Dr. F. B. PHILLIPS, Salisbury Mo., says: "I have used Scott's Emulsion in glandular diseases and Throat affections, with uniformly good results. It is the only preparation of Cod Liver Oil I use."

The relaxing power of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment is almost miraculous. A gentleman whose leg was bent at the knee and stiff for twenty years had it limbered by its use, and the leg is now good as the other.

At the lawn festival at Hosterman's on Saturday afternoon, one of the Artillery band, Mina Mason, nearly lost his life. The young man referred to had gone sailing in a boat kept on the pond on the grounds, and when about the middle of the sheet of water the boat upset, precipitating its occupant. It was some time before assistance could be got, and the capized bandman had sunk twice when Mr. Norman Creighton the leader of the band, gallantly jumping in rescued his comrade.